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## MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT...LEE MARTIN

The Board has honored me by naming me President of TEC for 1980. Members undoubtedly read the news that no one wanted to accept the office. I was among those who rejected it because I felt that Sally Kirka merited re-election and in fact, should have the office permanently if she so desired. The dedication that she and Al have shown went far beyond normal duty. The affection that members have shown for Sally and Al is unique in the hobby. The personality of TEC, which is warm, enthusiastic and progressive, directly reflects the Kirka's attitude.

However, when I attended the TEC meeting, I was told that there was no one scheduled for the office and I agreed to run. At that time one other candidate who had the same conclusion, withdrew, and thus by an unusual chain of events, I have become President of TEC. Obviously I would rather have been voted in than named; but because there was a gap in the office without Sally's presence, I hope to assist TEC.

No one will fill Sally's shoes. I know I speak for all TEC members when I say to Sally and Al..thank you for a job well done! Your support and advice in the coming year will greatly help me and of course, enable TEC to continue to be the No. 1 organization in our specialized hobby.

I would like to also thank the new board members and especially our new Treasurer, Jack Huggins. I have not been in contact with the board as yet but Jack has already proven himself as an able treasurer. Alice Penzes as secretary has stepped into a difficult position, but I am certain she will handle it with honors.

In summation, TEC will be as good as you want it to be. Articles by members will make this newsletter. Your in-person attendance at the Cincinnati meeting will also help and most importantly, we ask for the help of rollers when special projects are concerned. TEC's finances are limited, but it is unfair to ask the rollers to work without payment. Hopefully there can be a compromise so that everyone is satisfied when needs arise.

This newsletter will have a different look in the coming year. Your suggestions and criticisms will be welcomed. Anything we can do to reflect your thinking, you may be sure, will be done.

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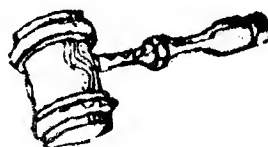
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## NEW MEMBERS



The following are new members of TEC. Frankly, each new member deserves a special write-up and we hope to have applications which will furnish that data.

In the past organizations have been primarily interested in numbers rather than quality. It is hoped in the future TEC will encourage involved elongated collectors. Their interests will reflect favorably on this organization and in turn, on themselves. Those who join merely to receive newsletters, free coins, etc. add little to an organization's ability to function.

Our congratulations go to the current new members and our hopes go to all TEC members that they will encourage interested elongated collectors to join.

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## OUR ADVERTISERS

We have few advertisers in the newsletter. Why not patronize them? They help pay for printing this newsletter and of course, we're always interested in new releases. In the future we'll try and print line photos of new releases without cost and we'll comment on the pictures. Naturally, rollers are asked to contribute photos, etc. so that this can be done.

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DEADLINE DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE

DEC. 26TH

## TEC BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - July 29, 1979

The Elongated Collectors Board of Governors meeting was held at 10 A.M. in the Hickcock Room of the Stouffer's Riverfront Towers Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri on July 29, 1979.

Those attending the meeting were President Sally Kirka, Vice President Ruby Threlkeld and Secretary Al Kirka. Because there were only two officers besides the president at this meeting, President Sally Kirka said an informal meeting would be held and a discussion was held about many things.

A discussion was held about the nomination for officers in The Elongated Collectors. Only one TEC member sent nominations. About a hundred letters were sent out. A few declined nominations, while many didn't bother to answer the letters. Finally the nominating committee received letters from a few to accept the nominations.

A discussion was held about more articles for TEC NEWS, also about the Merit Award Coins.

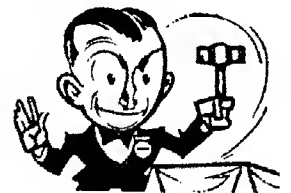
President Sally Kirka suggested to ask Bill Henderson to stay on as Chairman of our TEC A.N.A. museum display case.

The Board of Governors also agreed that the bill for postage to mail plaques to those who didn't attend the general meeting be paid by the new incoming treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Kirka, Secretary



## MINUTES OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ANNUAL MEETING 7-30-79

The annual meeting of The Elongated Collectors was held in the Spirit of St. Louis Room of the Stouffer's Riverfront Towers Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri on July 30, 1979.

There were about 48 members and guests in attendance and President Sally Kirka called on each to introduce themselves. A few more strolled in during the meeting.

First order of business was the reading of the Board of Governors minutes from the previous meeting which were accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report for the year 1978-1979 was read and accepted as read.

President Sally Kirka thanked Lloyd E. Wagaman and Bob Luchtman for all the work and donations they gave to TEC in the past years.

Lee Martin spoke about the Elongated book he is writing and it is a time consuming task and he hopes to find more time to work on it in order to complete it.

President Sally Kirka presented In Appreciation Award plaques to the following twelve recipients for the help given to TEC in the past year.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Lloyd E. Wagaman | 7 - Chester Grabowski  |
| 2 - Chester Rogers   | 8 - Irving Canter      |
| 3 - Richard Townsend | 9 - Dottie Dow         |
| 4 - Robert Luchtman  | 10 - Sally Kirka       |
| 5 - Ruby Threlkeld   | 11 - William Henderson |
| 6 - Barbara Izzo     | 12 - Al Kirka          |

The special large President's In Appreciation plaque was awarded to Jack Huggins for helping the president this year---especially for help and information concerning St. Louis and the A.N.A. convention

## MINUTES OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ANNUAL MEETING...Cont'd.

plans and details.

The Literary Award plaque was awarded to Chester Rogers.

Best Coin Rolled plaque was awarded to Dottie Dow.

The Henry Blaha Memorial Award plaque for best elongated exhibit at the convention was awarded to Charlotte Huggins for her five case display of "Elongated Type Coins."

Motion was made by Lloyd E. Wagaman and passed to present Al and Sally Kirka a plaque in appreciation for their work as officers and editors of TEC NEWS for the past eight years. Lloyd Wagaman is chairman of this committee.

Ballots were counted at the convention by a committee headed by Lloyd E. Wagaman and the election results were as follows:-

There were no nominations for the office of President, Sally Kirka received the most write-in votes but declined to accept the office of President and Lee Martin, the next runner-up, accepted to be the President.

So the new officers now are as follows:-

Lee Martin	- - - -	President
Burton Neal Levy	- - - -	Vice President
Alice Penzes	- - - -	Secretary
Jack Huggins	- - - -	Treasurer
Jack Wilcox	- - - -	Board of Governors
Lou Desrochers	- - - -	Board of Governors
Al Kirka	- - - -	Board of Governors
Sally Kirka	- - - -	Immediate Past President

Packets of elongated coins and goodies were passed out to all that were present at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Kirka, Secretary

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IN MEMORIUM

MAX M. SCHWARTZ

Born 4 Feb 1901

Deceased 10 Aug 1979

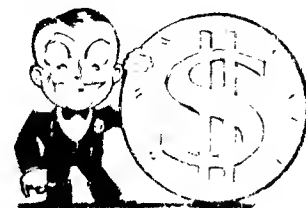
One of the most dedicated hobbyists left us and every phase of numismatics is poorer.

Anyone attending ANA Conventions and TEC meetings had to meet Max and be charmed by his friendliness and courtliness. This former ANA Attorney was the recipient of many honors including the Heath Literary Award. He was probably best known as Executive Secretary of PNG 1965 through 1971. Max's own biography closed with the following line..no one gets a bigger kick out of collecting tokens than I do and the nicest feature about tokens is the token collectors themselves.

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## TREASURERS REPORT



## CHECKING ACCOUNT REPORT FOR YEAR - AUGUST 1, 1978 to JULY 30, 1979

Balance as of August 1, 1978 - - - - - \$ 809.26

Income for year Aug. 1, 1978 to July 30, 1979

Dues - - - - -	1,224.00
Sale of TEC badges - - - - -	453.50
TEC NEWS ads - - - - -	51.50
Donations - - - Don Miller - - - - -	5.00
Richard Carpenter - - - - -	11.70
Withdrawal of savings acc. deposited in checking account - - -	<u>1,616.88</u>
Total income - - - - -	-\$4,171.84

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Expenses for year - Aug. 1, 1978 to July 30, 1979

Postal Instant Press - Printing four issues of TEC NEWS - - -	\$ 795.54
Postage for mailing four issues of TEC NEWS - - - - -	428.24
Mailing by Certified Mail - 1977-1978 Merit Award Coins - - -	9.48
A.N.A. Museum TEC display case - - - - -	500.00
Cost of Coins and rolling of 1979 TEC badges - - - - -	100.00
Cost of coins and rolling of 1979 TEC membership coins - - - -	75.00
Cost of postage for mailing coins for badges & mem. coins - - -	6.94
A.N.A. dues - - - - -	15.00
TAMS dues - - - - -	8.00
President's Postage - - - - -	30.00
Secretary's Postage - - - - -	30.00
A.N.A. Convention program booklet patron listing - - - - -	10.00
Xerox copies - Officers letters & By-laws - - - - -	7.53
TEC NEWS expenses - - - - -	16.05
Ad overpayment refund - - - - -	2.50
Bank service charge - - - - -	3.48
Convention Award Plaques & Special Award Plaques and engraving -	<u>202.40</u>
Total expenses - - - - -	-\$2,240.16

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Checking account balance as of July 30, 1979 to be turned

over to new incoming treasurer by check in the amount of - - - - - \$1,931.68

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Grabowski, Treasurer

THE 1980 TEC BADGES

At this date we're not sure if we'll have badges..it all depends on how many orders we receive. Please place your name on the list. DO NOT SEND MONEY. We'll let you know when

to do so if enough orders are available to make production feasible. Contact Alice Penzes, 9312 West Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48209. Tentative price is \$3.50 per badge.

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## FIRST ELONGATED WOODEN NICKEL By SALLY KIRKA

I guess some would say wooden nickels don't belong in TEC, but who really cares anyhow? A hobby is what you make of it and I enjoy mine.

This past year was a rough year for me and as I had a blood clot giving me lots of trouble, I had to sit with my leg up. Oh, I always had plenty to do all the time but I also had time to think. Somehow I got an idea to make an elongated wooden nickel. Little by little I started to piece the idea together and went around looking for some thin wood. Once I found some, I bought enough of it. Then I had to get the right tools. As I used to teach Arts and Crafts, I had some cutting tools around. With the help of Al and a carpenter friend, I was ready. It wasn't going to be easy but I made up my mind I'd give it a try.

There were times when I was home alone so I'd get busy cutting out the wooden elongated nickels. Once I knew how, it wasn't so hard. The wood was a little rough but I could do it easy by sanding and buffing the wood little by little. I was getting there even if it took me a couple months to do this as I could only spend a few hours at a time working on them. During the winter months I could make more as we have longer nights. With deep snow on the ground, you have plenty of time to do things.

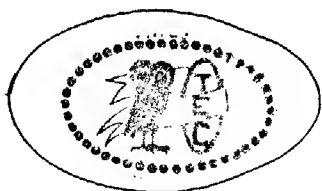
The size of the elongated wooden nickel is the same size of a real elongated nickel and that's the size I made my first sample.

After many long hours, they were ready for printing. I didn't have too much time to go see if a printer would do it for me. Although I started this project before Christmas, it was almost July and I still didn't have them printed. So at the last minute I decided to see if I could do it myself. After I knew what I wanted on them, I went to town and stamped them all. One slip and you could make a mess and spoil everything. So it was slow work but I finished them.

I took some of them to St. Louis to the A.N.A. convention and I'm sure many received one as they were going fast. As I sat in the lobby, I had a few strangers come up and ask for one. How they knew about them I don't know. The pictures of some of the wooden elongated nickels are pictured on this page. So as far as I know, these are the first elongated wooden money made the same size as an elongated nickel. If it's not, who really cares?

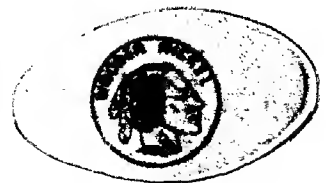
At the last minute I decided to make some Philatelic Numismatic Covers with a set of the elongated wooden nickels in them. I also had them cancelled at the A.N.A. Convention in St. Louis. So now I have something real nice in my collection. This fall I hope to start early and make some Christmas elongated wooden nickels. I have lots more newer and different ideas to work on.

This first set of elongated wooden nickels is completely sold out.



Sally Kirka  
Conn, A.N.A. District  
Representative

Hello From  
Sally & Al Kirka  
Manchester, Conn.



## THE FIRST ANTHONY DOLLAR ROLLED BY AL KIRKA

It's article time again and Sally told me I have to help Lee Martin out. Now what to write about is the big question, but Sally said it's easy to write..just write as I would a letter.

As you all know, my wife Sally makes all kinds of P.N. Covers with elongated coins in them. The elongated coins are a first with Sally as she makes the cover with an elongated coin in mind.

This year in St. Louis I had to help Sally out because when her ankles swell, that's it. So for three days I stood in line to get part of over 500 covers that Sally brought to St. Louis to cancel. There were so many people in line all the

## THE FIRST ANTHONY DOLLAR ROLLED...Cont'd.

time to have things cancelled it was rough to hold up the line so long. After three days of going back and forth, the postal clerk was glad to see the last of me when the job was completed. One thing I can say for the postal clerk, she did a neat job of cancelling the covers and Sally was pleased.

I also cancelled a few covers where Sally put a one dollar paper bill, an Ike dollar and the Anthony dollar in the cover. When Sally got home she told me, "I have to roll out the Anthony dollar for this cover, so I can have an elongated dollar added to this."

So after a 17 hour rest after we got home, we were ready to at least try one. Now it's not so easy to roll this, but we would give it a try. Neither of us is that strong but Sally has to try anyhow. She seems to know her machine like a book. Little by little she adjusted the machine and gave it a try. It wasn't easy but we rolled one to suit Sally and she added this to the large size envelope. I'll have to admit the cover looked nice with the coins, dollar bill and elongated dollar in it.

What makes this so special is the dollar bill was signed by Stella Hackel, the Mint Director. On Thursday noon we had a luncheon with the three Directors of the Mint...Mary Brooks, Eva Adams and the present director, Stella Hackel. There were only twenty of us present at the luncheon but we had a nice get-together. While we were there, Sally had the three sign some dollar bills and I had them cancelled. All in all, we had an enjoyable morning and Sally received some hard-to-get P.N. Covers at this luncheon.

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## ST. LOUIS ELONGATED COINS By SALLY KIRKA

I hear from many TEC members how they find elongated coins at flea markets. Around here at our flea markets I've never come across any, but maybe I just didn't hit the right one.

I haven't been out much since we got home from St. Louis. As a matter of fact, I couldn't go out if I tried during August. So the first day I did go out in September--what a surprise I received! A friend came over and told me he had some elongated coins for me. There were seven in all and all were the hard-to-get ones from St. Louis. I think only one was of a different variety that I already had, but I still didn't have this one. The man gave me a price and I said no, it was too high. It wasn't really, but I didn't feel like giving out that much money. Besides, I didn't have my glass with me and I really couldn't see what was on the elongated coins.

The man kept telling me these were real good coins and I should buy them. I just didn't really want them and was giving the man a hard time, it was too much money. After a few dollars off, I still didn't really care if I bought the elongated coins or not and told my friend so. Later on the man talked me into buying them, but I felt as I hated to spend the money.

At the TAMS luncheon I won one of the new books that Kurt Krueger wrote on "The Exonumia of the 1904 Worlds Fair" and donated as a door prize. So when I got home, I checked his book on the three pages of elongated coins he has in the book. The prices on some elongated coins are out of this world in his book. So I got my glass to check just what kind of a deal I got. Wow! What a surprise I got as all were hard-to-get elongated coins of St. Louis Fair 1904. Boy, am I happy now I bought them as believe me, I got them cheap as I look at the prices in the book.

I guess there are still some around as they keep showing up. I'd like to ask my friend who isn't a TEC member--where did he get these older elongated coins? I guess sooner or later all dealers come up with some good ones. This isn't the first time he tried to sell me a good older elongated coin. I'm glad that he finally talked me into buying these coins. So, folks, keep looking and maybe you'll be lucky as I was to get to buy some of the older elongated coins at a good price as I did.

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## OUR TRIP TO THE WEST COAST AND THE 3 NATIONAL PARKS By Abe Gefter TEC #121

On May 27th my wife Anna and I left N.Y. for San Francisco for a 10 day visit with our younger daughter and her family. On the second day my wife remained with our daughter to chat, while I hurried to Fisherman's Wharf--where rollers usually hang around--to see what I could pick up in elongateds.

While I will return to this subject a little later, I would like to write something about our national parks, which are really our natural treasures.

Up until this trip, we usually traveled to cities in various countries, such as France, Italy, Russia, Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Israel, and of course, our own good U.S.A. In all these countries we pounded sidewalks endlessly. This time Anna suggested we go to our national parks.

So after our visit to S.F. we flew to Las Vegas--for one day--not to gamble--but to pick up a bus tour to the national parks. To describe the parks in a short article in "TEC News" is practically impossible, and a long article our editor would probably "cut it down to size"..anyhow, so why should I burden him with extra work, so I will try and make it short.

Zion National Park is massive, rugged rock mountains, a region of wonder and to contemplate.

Bryce Canyon National Park is spectacular. Its free standing spires, "sculptured" pinnacles and multi-colored "minarets" created by erosion, and the ever-changing effects of light on the canyon are spellbinding.

Grand Canyon National Park is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and is really grand. This incredible canyon was carved out by nature's forces working with the Colorado River for 10 million years and one mile deep, the north rim of the Grand Canyon is truly a work of ages.

The roads through the parks are a marvel of engineering, ever-winding, zigzagging. Very often in order to advance a mile or two, the road leads a 1/2 mile back and almost always on the side of a mountain--all 3 parks are at elevations from seven to ten thousand feet, and here I must mention that the bus drivers who traverse them are truly experts. I would call them "artists" of their profession. We left the parks on the way back to Las Vegas and S.F. delighted and elated with our trip through nature.

After our return to S.F., I began a week of hunting for elongateds and it was not easy. Every roller is secretive about other rollers, but I was lucky. I met an elderly gentleman who was selling men's belt buckles who also sold some elongateds. It was he who told me of some spots where I may find a roller or two. Some of them had another job to support themselves, and I managed to pick up a very limited number of elongateds that I would like to share with my fellow TEC members on a first come first serve basis, so look for my ad in a coming issue of TEC News.

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## PIONEER OF THE ELONGATED--TRAIN TRACK ROLL By John H. Wilcox TEC #332

This month, July, brought in an interesting counter-stamped Indian cent won from a mail auction which reads as follows: PRES. GARFIELD'S FUNERAL TRAIN PASSED OVER THIS Sept. 23, 1881. A very neat bit of counter-stamping too. This, in my opinion, can be considered more or less a forerunner of elongateds, therefore, should be of interest to the elongated collector.

No doubt most of us have read of coins being flattened by funeral trains of President Lincoln, President McKinley and President John F. Kennedy. We also know many a penny was flattened by the old trolley.

Being curious of this new find, I did some research on President James A. Garfield, wondering where the funeral train traveled. (Washington, D. C. to Cleveland, Ohio). It is interesting to learn that the President died here in my home state of New Jersey at Francklyn Cottage in Elberon, N. J., shore area.

James A. Garfield ran on the Republican Ticket of 1880 with Chester A. Arthur





## PIONEER OF THE ELONGATED--TRAIN TRACK ROLL...Cont'd.

as his running mate. He was sworn in on the Capitol steps March 4, 1881, was wounded on July 2, 1881, died on September 19, 1881. This meant Vice-President elect Chester A. Arthur became President for almost four years!

He served only two hundred days as Chief Executive and for eighty of those days he lay near death with a bullet through his spine. The doctors were unable to locate the bullet (x-ray was fourteen years in the future).

He was assassinated while waiting in the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Station by a mentally disturbed disaffected office seeker named Charles J. Guiteau who fired two shots. One struck the President in the arm and the other in the back. Guiteau shouted, "I am a Stalwart! Arthur is President!" After a trial, at which it was shown that the assassin was not acting as part of a conspiracy by the Stalwarts, Guiteau was hanged on June 30, 1882. Here we see swift justice!

President Garfield was the last President to be born in a log cabin. He was another self-made man like Lincoln. From canal boy to President is the catch phrase we remember him by.

From the Capitol, the President's coffin was borne by members of The Vermont Avenue Disciple Church to the funeral train for the trip to Ohio. Multitudes lined the route on the long journey. (One wonders how many coins were placed on the train tracks.) In Cleveland the body lay in state in a grand pavilion built for the occasion in Monument Square. On Monday last rites were held, Dr. Robison presided, Isaac Errett preached the sermon. Then came the procession, four miles in length, to Lakeview Cemetery, where the body was placed in a vault.

While reading the facts for my research, I kept hoping perhaps I could find a book that had a map of the funeral train route so I could place an "X" and say--here is where my Indian cent was rolled, perhaps?

It is interesting and exciting having this counter-stamped coin to add to my collection. Seeing it encouraged me to do a bit of history research and I wish to share my efforts with the TEC members.

President James A. Garfield was our twentieth President and the second President to be killed by an assassin! History does seem to repeat itself.

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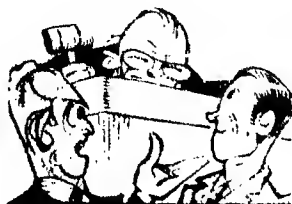
By Lee Martin, TEC News Editor

## Canadian police arrest elongated coin maker

If you want to run Canadian coins through your elongating machine, it should be done in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and not Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, Daniel Mancuso learned recently.

Mancuso was arrested by Niagara Regional Police and his \$4,000 elongating machine seized as he was making souvenirs for tourists on the streets of the Canadian city.

According to Canadian barrister Robert Aaron, Toronto, Part X, Section 414 of the criminal code of Canada reads **Every one who (a) defaces a current coin, or (b) utters a current coin that has been defaced, is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction. 1967-1968, c.26, s. 10.**



The above clipping from Coin World illustrates a problem that may be encountered by rollers who are unaware of other nation's unhappiness when their coins are converted to elongateds.

It's true that Uncle Sam has been lenient and allowed elongateds to have a legal status, but at the same time, it is the duty of this government to protect coins from other nations. Because the number of elongateds produced on foreign coins is minimal, rollers have had few problems in the past, but I have seen Shalom Israel coins produced in this country, "tuppence for your shoe" English elongateds and other coins with an international flavor made here.

When I was associated with the House of Elongateds, a major write-up in a numismatic English publication was very favorable to the idea of elongateds and mentioned some of the coins produced by the House of Elongateds. However, the magazine sternly warned that elongateds on English coins were illegal to produce. It did chide the government over its lack of elasticity in the policy but at the same time expressed the belief that elongateds would never be popular in England simply because the government rarely changes its policies.

There are many nations that avidly protect its coinage and it's probably a good idea for rollers to contact official sources from abroad before becoming involved in any project that could lead to legal problems.

Incidentally, the use of coins in this country for other purposes than actual commercial trade, appears to be

expanding. We have all seen the cut-out coins in which jewelers using fine blades convert the portraits on coins into attractive pendants or settings which will become rings.

Now there are miniature reproductions about the size of an aspirin and these are perfect in all respects except size. Every denomination is represented including the new dollar and the St. Gauden's \$20 gold piece. The latter has been issued in brass and in 14-karat gold. They are very collectible but some A.N.A. officials frown on them because they believe foreigners might think they are actual coins. As of this date, the tiny reproductions appear to be legal or at least in the lack of government action.

Incidentally, about five years ago the House of Elongateds used miniature Indian Head cents to reproduce portraits of Custer, Kit Carson and Sitting Bull. The idea wasn't too successful and only about fifty of each were sold.

Perhaps the time has come when rollers will re-introduce the miniatures into our elongated hobby.

Before any confusion concerning the legality of elongateds is expanded upon, there are numerous collectors who own letters from Treasury officials indicating that it is okay to roll U.S. coins and convert them into our beloved elongated. Let's hope that this policy continues under the watchful eye of the new Director of the Mints, Stella Hackel.

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MOVING? CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?  
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"ELONGATED COIN BOOK STORY" By John G. Spadone

Some years ago, I met Bob Luchtman and his wife, at a Miami Flea Market, where he gave me some blank elongated coins, with a bordered edge. He mentioned that I could sell these at coin shows, and all I needed was an electric pencil to scribe in names. I tried one, but it wasn't too attractive, which made me decide to try a Panto-graph machine to engrave these names. They looked so good, I decided to advertise them in Coin World. "Your name on elongated coin \$3.00," and first order came from Gennie Aldridge, who, right then, encouraged me to rejoin TEC. All this leads up to the "Elongated Coin Book Story."

The other day I was going through some large cardboard boxes that contained elongated coins, literature, etc. I came across a "dealers order form" on "Elongated Coin Books" (1965 circa). Here I had all the information I was looking for in the past. Everything I wanted to know, when selling these books, was on this order form. The information on this order form is as follows:

(Letterhead)

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The Elongated Collector by Dottie Dow has been 3 years in the making, a book of over 200 pages and with over 1,000 photo illustrations, with the description along side each photo, making it unnecessary to hunt for plates.

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The books intent is to make it easy to identify Elongated coins in correspondence, auction sales and price lists. (The next few underlined sentences were scratched out but still readable.) At this time the Author did not feel qualified (due to so few accredited auction sales or fixed price lists, in the past year of this so new field of collecting) to put rarities or prices in the book, but does intend to issue (with the help of dealers like yourself) a price list: supplement within a year.

(at the end of this paragraph handwritten in ink) A price list supplement included with each book.

The first edition is only 500 copies of which 100 were bound in a luxurious black leatherette with Gold embossed letters on the hard cover. These were sold at the ANA-Houston Convention at a list of \$10.00 net; to dealers, \$8.50 each.

The balance, 400 copies, are in a coppertoned (with black letters) hard cover. This edition list for \$7.50 and net to bonafide dealers is \$6.00 postpaid, after Sept. 10 --

Thanks,

Dottie Dow

Below this letter is the order form which indicated that copies of "Elongated Collector" Library edition at \$8.50 were already sold out. At the very bottom left hand corner is 865/100 HCS (which may indicate August 65, 100 copies?)

END OF ORDER FORM

Now, in the summer of 1965-66?, I was operating a coin shop (downtown Miami) on N.E. 1st Street near Biscayne Blvd. or one block north of Flagler Street. A man walked in asking for elongated coins. (To me an elongated coin at that time was an inexpensive souvenir or miscellaneous coin with the Lords Prayer on one side. The first time I became aware of elongateds as a collectors item, was back in the 1950's at Robert Treat Hotel, where "Newark Coin Club" had their coin show and Brownie Gill came to my table asking for them.)

Anyhow, I sold the man what few elongateds I had on hand and mentioned that I

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had some others at home in miscellaneous boxes. (He lost out on a scarce elongated since he never came back.) Nevertheless, the man introduced himself as "Don Dow" and showed me the new book his wife Dottie Dow had put out on elongated coins. Right there, I bought my first Elongated Coin Book. Now, the scarce elongated which I mentioned above was the Palmer elongated which I picked up in 1955 from an old Frenchman Mr. Lucian Bellier who ran a coin and doll hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida. I sold the Palmer elongated for \$10.00 and I thought this was a great price for an inexpensive elongated miscellaneous coin. In the 1970's rare elongateds were sold over \$100.00 and I heard of one at \$750.00; today I heard of one \$950.00 at A.N.A. in St. Louis. So when I ask a dealer for elongated coins, some still call them junk coins. On occasion I've asked dealers for elongateds and their reply was--okay, they are in the vault. Junk in the vault? Unheard of, or they were just saying that to get rid of me. When I realized a price of \$10.00 for an elongated, I decided to order 15 elongated coin books from Dottie Dow and results were a rough time trying to sell them wholesale, to dealers, who certainly weren't interested. The only way I could move them was to trade them for their unwanted material wholesale. Some years later, I still had about 9 books unsold and decided to advertise them in the Coin World at \$7.50 retail, Postpaid. I was amazed when they went like hot cakes. The amusing part was I had more customers than books. I wrote again to Dottie Dow for another order of books, her reply was sorry, "sold out" and they're now bringing \$18.00 a copy. I felt like I ran into a brick wall. That goes to show what happens when you don't keep up with the times. The dealers, from whom I traded the books for worthless material, wouldn't sell them back to me even at double the price. As time went on I found out that besides the coppertone (with black letters) hard cover book, there existed the luxurious black leatherette with gold embossed letters on hard cover. (known as library edition) Actually the way I found out about this was by accident and many people still don't know about this. When I bought some books from a dealer (now \$50.00 a copy) one of the colorful paper jackets came loose and I was amazed to see that the book was black. The previous books that I ordered from Dottie Dow were coppertoned color. As the saying goes, you learn from experience. The last batch of "high priced books" sold for \$65.00 (water soiled) library copy to over \$100.00 for mint coppertone regular copy. Today some dealers & collectors disagree on value of 1st edition books. I still say, 1st edition is a collectors item, usually low amount of copies made, which later results high in demand. Now the Dottie Dow book with only 500 copies of which includes 100 copies of the library edition, should certainly realize a very high value.

Congratulations to those who have a copy and happy hunting to those who don't have a copy. They will have to wait until the 2nd edition appears, which I understand will be authored by Dottie Dow and Lee Martin. After all these years, somehow the man that stands out in my mind with elongateds and the book is the late Henry Blaba. I mentioned him in my newsletter #15 May 1973. He did nothing but talk about elongated coins, collectors, Dottie Dow, the Elongated Coin Book, his rolling machine and signed everybody up in T.E.C. including me. His true love was elongated coins and glued in his hand wherever he went was the Dottie Dow "Elongated Coin Book", full of notes and clippings sticking out from the pages.

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Ginnie Aldridge Tec #222  
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Goodbyes are so sad! When one has spent a week with a large, friendly group such as A.N.A. 1979 in St. Louis, at the end no one is a stranger. I said good-bye to new friends but because of early check-outs, I missed a few. Our Past President, Sally Kirka and her husband Al, my good friends, were the last to leave. After having spent a great deal of time with them, it would have been very painful to say goodbye in person, but with her usual efficiency, Sally handled that beautifully. She and Al simply checked out early and when I learned this, I felt a great sadness but understood perfectly.

This was my first Convention and now I wonder why I waited so long. I had a marvelous time! Those of you who have not been to one, I urge you to do so. You will not regret it. I am already looking forward to next August in Cincinnati.

Perhaps this should have been my first paragraph but the preceding had to be said first. I want to welcome and extend my congratulations to our new President - Lee Martin. He is known to all of us for his many good works in the Elongated Collectors Club and I am confident we shall have continued good leadership and growth.

I had the marvelous good fortune to meet and talk with longtime friends Lloyd Wagaman and his lovely wife Alberta. They pulled off the surprise of the week by deciding at the last minute to come to St. Louis and are beautiful people. Other members who were present and a delight to be around were George Kesterson, Peg Borgolte, Alice and Steve Penzes, Bob Dempsey, Cliff Roth and his charming wife, Florence Shook, George Hatie, M. A. Richardson, Jack Huggins, Ben Odesser, Ruby Threlkeld, Mayme Scott and Dorothy Mack. If I have omitted anyone, it is unintentional and only because my notes were not kept up to date due to so many activities and so little rest.

Congratulations to my worthy opponent for the Office of Secretary of TEC, Alice Penzes. Know you will do a great job, Alice!

The only fitting and proper way to close this article is to say from the bottom of my heart to Sally and Al Kirka, "Thank you both for all your years of dedication and hard work to TEC."

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#### A VISIT By Verlee Waterman TEC 525

By chance, at an early spring flea market, I happened to meet Ken Hallenbeck, ANA Museum Curator.

Having just read in TEC News that the TEC showcase was soon to be a reality, I enquired as to when it would be completed and was surprised to learn it was!

As a member of TEC and a collector of elongateds, Ken said he would appreciate my thoughts on the exhibit. At long last, I finally made it to the attractive ANA headquarters on beautiful Cascade Avenue. A visit to ANA is always enjoyable.

TEC showcase is #4 located in the room to the right of the reception desk on the main floor--in my opinion, one of the best positions in the building.

The coins now being exhibited aren't so numerous as to be cluttered but there is enough to add variety and interest as well as dignity and a pleasing balance. It is fitting that three different Columbian Expo coins are present as well as a

## A Visit..Cont'd.

more recent Bicentennial and a 1904 St. Louis World's Fair--the Cascades. The 1971 ANA first day postcard with elongated and a TEC award of merit coin are prominent features of the exhibit as well as two dies and a TEC badge.

Representing the famous people group is a Churchill and a George Washington, while coins of Richard Townsend and elongated roller Chet Rodgers represent the store cards. There is also a coin of Sally Kirka's and one of Dottie Dow's. An organization coin shown is that of the Flushing N. Y. Coin Club. There is also a TEC 1978 souvenir of Houston, Texas, a prayer coin and even an error coin. I think my favorite was one done by Adam Cool--an outline of the state of Florida, high relief, made to look like a bracelet charm.

A neighbor of the TEC showcase is one which features wooden money. I was pleased to note in that display a wooden flat of TEC members Alice and Steve Penzes. The flat is the one announcing their marriage in St. Louis August 21, 1970. Hmmm--Happy 9th Anniversary to the Penzes. Did they celebrate the event in St. Louis this year?

Congratulations to Ken on a job well done. I look forward to future changes to see what he comes up with next. Incidentally, Ken Hallenbeck is a collector of out-of-date credit cards. I understand he has a fine collection of the usual and unusual and is always looking for something different.

To those of you visiting in the spring--a trip to the ANA is a must.

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DROP A LINE

Harold Butner, 1913 Fairview Court, Sedalia, Missouri 65301 suffered a stroke in late July. Why not drop him a line to wish him well. Sally Kirka told him that although he is not able to get around as yet, she's anticipating the first dance at the Cincinnati convention. So hurry and get well, Harold!

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Those who write articles for this newsletter receive a special coin as thanks for contributing. Why not write an article for our next newsletter and send it as soon as possible? We'll schedule in order of those received although we doubt if we'll have too many at any time.

Because we are not going to have special coins in the future unless a roller contributes them, recipients of the NEWS coin will receive a variety from Lee Martin's remaining House of Elongated collection.

- #40 - From the Presidents Desk - Sally Kirka #16
- #41 - Housing my Elongated Coins - Harry Flower #644
- #42 - Happiness is "The Search" - Virginia Aldridge #222
- #43 - The 1979 TEC News Coin - Sally Kirka #16
- #44 - Meet me in St. Louis at TEC Annual Meeting - Jack Huggins #745
- #45 - Tec Membership Elongateds - 1966-1979 - Jack Wilcox #332
- #46 - Notes of Interest - Sally Kirka #16
- #47 - Chinese Astrology - Chester Rogers #515
- #48 - Our Thanks - Alberta Wagaman #165
- #49 - Hendrik Hudson - Irving R. Canter #753
- #50 - The Tec Owl - Harold Snyder #98
- #51 - On to the ANA Convention in St. Louis - Ed Black #359
- #52 - Hats off to the Postal Clerks - Sally Kirka #16
- #53 - My Religious Theme - Lester Besse #564
- #54 - The Front Door - Martin J. Rossow #689
- #55 - I love a Mystery - Verlee Waterman #525
- #56 - Do P.N. Covers belong in Tec - Al Kirka #450
- #57 - Dies for Elongated Coins - Glen Tye #640
- #58 - More About St. Louis - Jack Huggins #745
- #59 - An Elongated Collector for Years - Robert Dadson #550
- #60 - Memories are made of this - Lee Martin #129
- #61 - Programs for clubs - Sally Kirka #16
- #62 - Modern Elongated book Progress - A. A. Rosato #23
- #63 - Designing an Elongated - Lloyd Wagaman #33
- #64 - But you have a Machine - Sally Kirka #16



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**New!** ISSUES

Lloyd E. Wagaman has destroyed all the dies and we're not sure how many of these releases are available but the following data should be of interest to TEC members. You can contact Lloyd at Route #1, Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113. The elongated coins are priced at \$1 each and reflect the hand-engraving technique Lloyd is so famous for.

Of special interest is the smallest post office building in the U.S.-- 7 feet 3 inches wide and 8 feet 4 inches long in Ochopee, Florida.

- IND #47 - WRAYS TREASURE SHOP - 360 rolled - die destroyed
- IND #48 - TEX'S MOWER SHOP - 250 rolled - die destroyed
- OHIO #3 - IKO-TAMS, Monroe, Ohio - 205 rolled - die destroyed
- FLA #5 - SMALLEST P O BLDG - 200 rolled - die destroyed
- ILL #5 - AGGIE & DICK MULFINGER (Glenview, Illinois) - 200 rolled - die destroyed
- MO #4 - Souvenir of ST. LOUIS, 1979 - 200 rolled - die destroyed

**THANK YOU!**

A very loud and sincere thanks goes to RICHARD TOWNSEND for the enclosed "Nobody's Perfect" elongated produced by Dottie Dow. The coins show the high quality that Dottie always creates.

Richard is involved in numerous hobbies and always comes up with some unique presents during TEC meetings.

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